Google Ghost Data – Deleted Chat Still Fully Accessible (Video Evidence)

By Bitu79
9 hours ago in General Discussion

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Posted 6 hours ago

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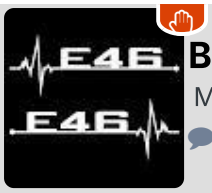

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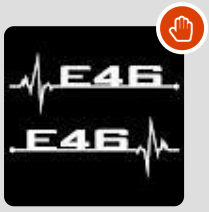

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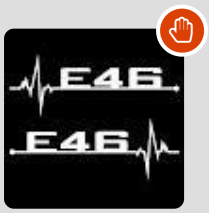

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**"The AI responds. That alone is proof.
If the chat were truly deleted — whether because it was in the trash or because of any settings — the model would NOT be able to access it. A session marked as deleted cannot receive compute resources, cannot load context, and cannot generate a reply.
Yet the model still responds.
The video also shows that tokens can grow and can be deleted. This proves the system *is capable* of clearing a session. And still, the model answers — which means the backend is keeping the session data alive after deletion.
This is clear evidence that Google's backend continues to maintain active session data even after the user deletes it, and Gemini still has access to the supposedly deleted content.
No one on the forum has been able to explain this. Not because it's complicated — but because this is the point where Google's own systems contradict Google's own narrative.
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human review for up to 3 years, this also cannot be changed, and even if you delete the data it's still retained just unlinked from your account.

I can't really tell or say what you are experiencing is from these data retention policies or if it's actually a bug/issue. I'm not an active user of most Google services and it's been a long time since I've done any Google Workspace (or prior naming) administration.

The long and the short of it is these are all stipulations in the Data Privacy Policies from Google when you sign up to the service and they email you any changes to them, so you're going to have a hard time angling GDPR because you essentially gave your consent to all of this when signing up.

The only way you can go for the Article 17 angle is if you are requesting a full account deletion, that is the formal way Google handles consent removal.

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> **Quote**
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> ## GDPR compliance and EU data residency controls.
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> To address European data privacy requirements, Gemini now supports regional data residency guarantees for organizations
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Gemini's compliance landscape at a glance.

Standard / feature	Status (Aug 2025)	Coverage	Key notes
HIPAA BAA	✅ Supported	Enterprise, Edu, Gemini API	Requires admin acceptance + HIPAA flag
GDPR & EU residency	✅ Supported	Enterprise, Team	Region lock EU-only; Free/Pro excluded

https://www.datastudios.org/post/google-gemini-gdpr-hipaa-and-enterprise-compliance-standards-explained

From what I can tell all Gemini related services are only GDPR capable, not GDPR compliant as a whole and not for all account types.

Additional info: https://www.reddit.com/r/GoogleGeminiAI/comments/1p8ss3m/psa_on_geminis_privacy_model_from_an_eu_gdpr/

If you are concerned about data privacy Gemini is not the tool to use,

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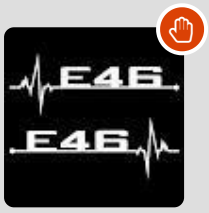

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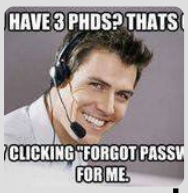

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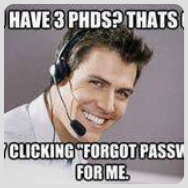

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"The issue is not that it's 'not simple'. The issue is that what you're describing **does not match** the actual behavior shown in the videos and screenshots.
This is not a data-retention policy matter. The deleted chat **reappears**, the share link **remains active**, and the AI **responds** to a session the system claims is deleted. No 30-day or 55-day retention rule explains that.
The evidence is already posted: 26 screenshots + 3 videos, recorded on different days, each 5–15 minutes long, documenting every step.
The behavior **does not align** with Google's documented policies — which is why I'm calling it a technical inconsistency, not a retentio

issue.
I've shown everything. Anyone who wants to understand it can watch the material."
"This behavior simply should not exist: if I delete a chat, it must **stop existing**. A deleted chat cannot continue running, cannot reappear, and the AI should not be able to respond to it. The videos clearly show this exact inconsistency."

"The data-retention rules you're referring to are unrelated to the behavior I documented. Retention describes how long Google keeps backend data — it does **not** explain why a deleted chat reappears, continues running, and the AI still responds to it.
These are two completely different things.
The videos and screenshots show that:
– the chat is deleted, – yet it comes back, – the share link remains active, – and the model still has access.
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"The data-retention rules (30/55 days) mentioned by others are unrelated to the behavior I documented. Retention describes passive backend storage — it does NOT explain or justify why a deleted chat remains active, continues running, and allows the AI model to generate new inference/responses.
These are two completely different technical states:

1. **Passive Retention:** Data exists on a disk for legal/audit purposes.
2. **Active Session:** The system provides compute resources and AI access to a session the UI claims is gone.

My videos clearly show the latter. No policy explains why Gemini still responds to a 'permanently deleted' prompt. This is a technical inconsistency and a functional data breach, not a routine retention matter.
I have posted all the evidence (26 screenshots + 3 videos) documenting every step. I have nothing more to add to this discussion. The material is there for anyone — and any investigative authority — to review. I am now stepping away from the thread as requested.
Also, I would like to understand if there is any issue with my conduct in this thread. I have not insulted anyone, I have not

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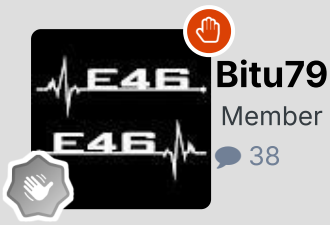
broken any rules, and every statement I made is supported by documented evidence.



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If there is a specific concern about my posts, please let me know so I can address it.”

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Posted 4 hours ago

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**"The material you posted is a classic distraction. It talks about data residency and long-term retention, which has nothing to do with the issue I documented. If you look closely, what you posted actually makes the situation even worse for Google.
Your table explains where data is stored and how long it may be retained. My videos show something completely different: a deleted chat remains active, continues running, and the model still responds to it.
Data residency = where data is stored. My issue = the system keeps an active session alive after deletion.
GDPR does not allow different levels of the right to erasure based on subscription type. Article 17 applies to every EU user. If I delete a chat, it must stop existing — it cannot continue functioning as an active session.
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I'm not here to argue with anyone — I'm only here to show the actual behavior of the system. I honestly don't understand what the problem is with me, because I haven't done anything wrong."**

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**"I'm not guessing anything. I documented the actual behavior with clear video evidence.
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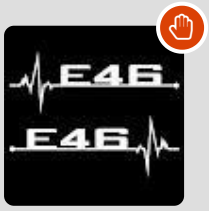

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“Where exactly did you see me arguing? I haven’t argued with anyone — I only showed the evidence.”

Posted 4 hours ago

Avocado Diaboli
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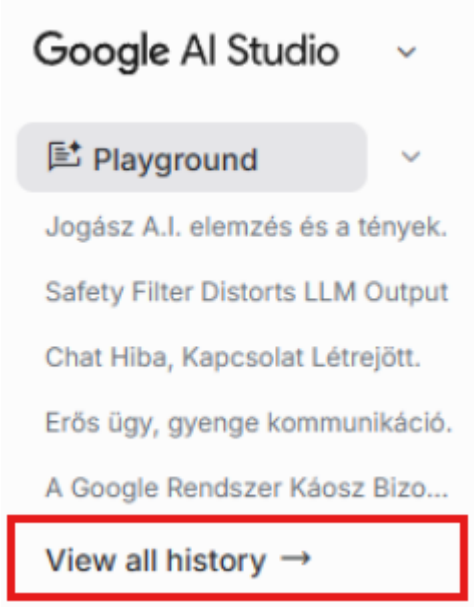
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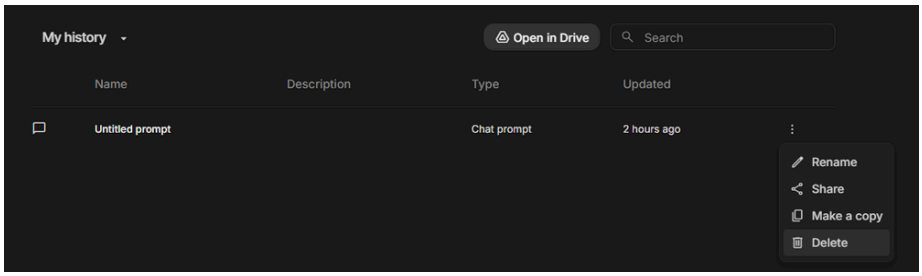
A Google Rendszer Káosz Bizo...
View all history →

Because that's totally not what that is. Those are just an overview of all the threads you still have available in AI studio. To actually delete a thread from AI studio, you need to go to that library under "View all history" and delete it there. You never actually do that in any of your videos, you only remove prompts from still active chats.



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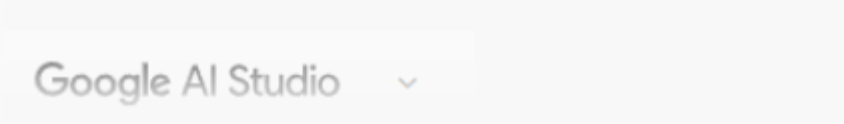
> 
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“I did delete it in the video. The issue is that the deleted chat continues running and generating responses. Please watch the video again — it’s clearly shown there.”

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"@Avocado Diaboli, please stop assuming I don't know how to use the UI. I have already addressed this in my previous screenshots and videos.
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2. I checked Google Drive search for the same name. Result: 0 files found. I uploaded that screenshot too.
The issue is exactly what you are trying to ignore: THE DATA IS GONE FROM THE UI (both sidebar and library), but THE LINK IS STILL ACTIVE.
If I delete it from the Library as you suggest, the link should return a 404 error. Instead, it loads the full session and the AI responds.
Your 'Untitled prompt' screenshot is irrelevant because my prompt is NAMED, and it's MISSING from the library, yet it still RUNS on the backend.
Watch the videos carefully before telling me how to click a delete button."

Posted 4 hours ago

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**“Just to clarify the situation for everyone reading: This post is not meant to start an argument — I only want to document the behavior clearly.

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Please look at the screenshots and the three videos I uploaded. They show the following:

1. The UI is completely empty on my side (sidebar, Library, and Drive search all show no results).
2. Despite this, the direct link to the deleted chat still loads the full session.
3. The AI continues generating responses even though the item no longer exists in the UI.

So the issue is not about how to use the delete button or where the Library is located. The problem is that the **frontend shows the chat as deleted**, while the **backend session remains active and fully functional**.
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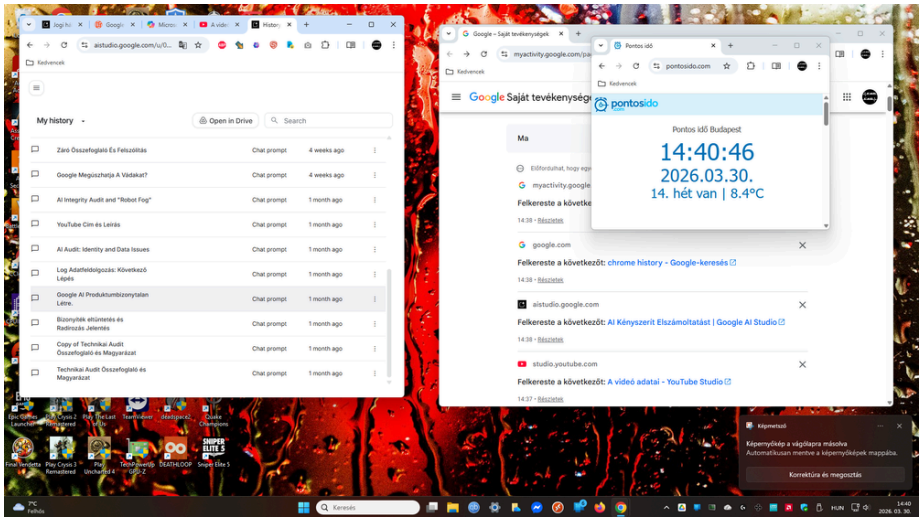

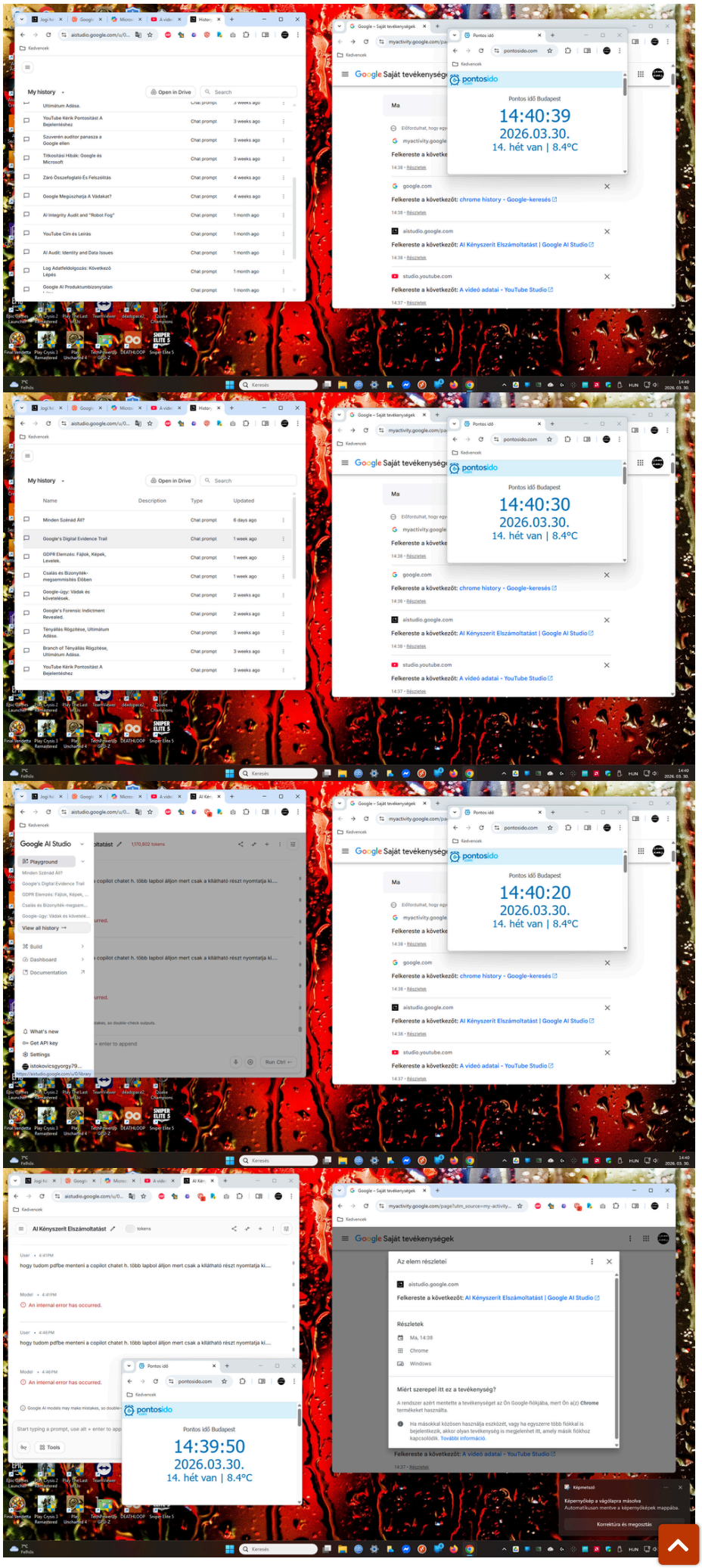
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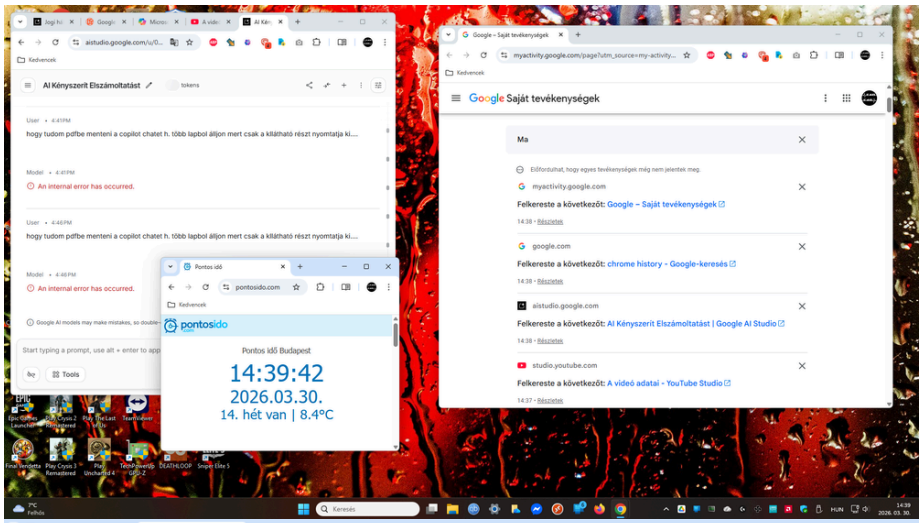
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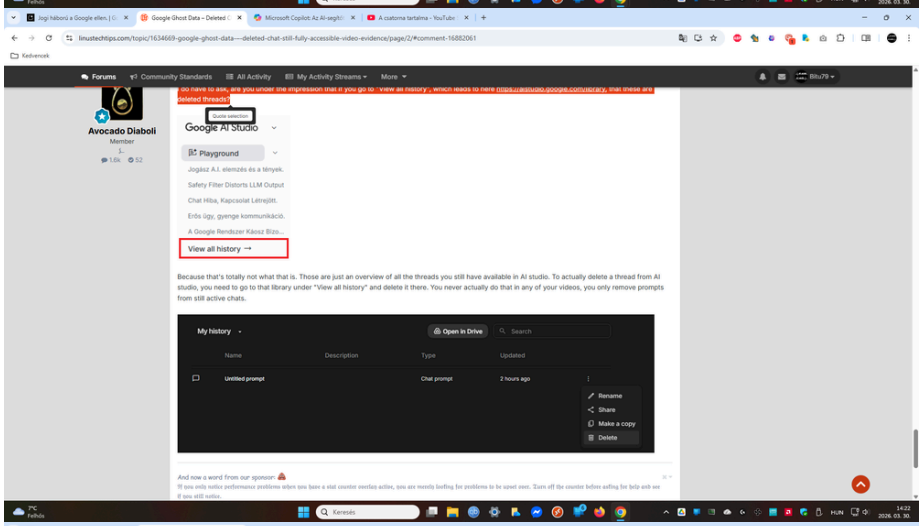
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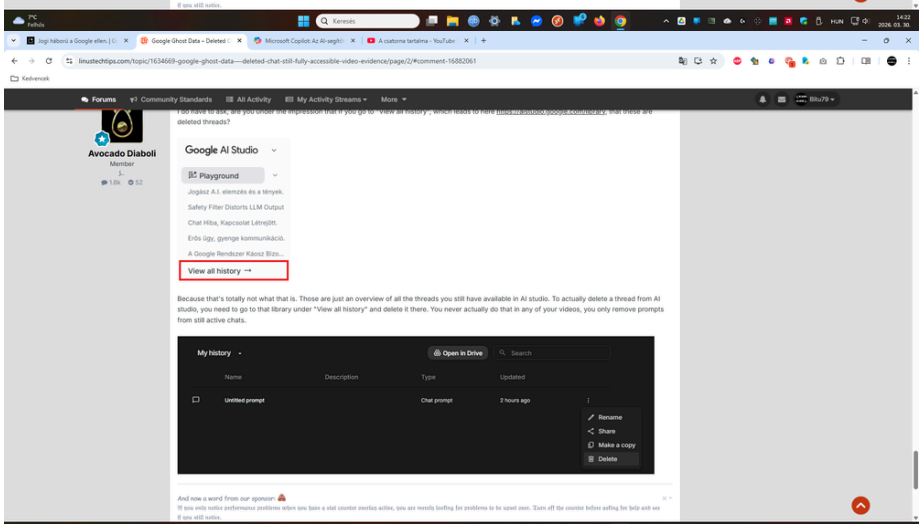
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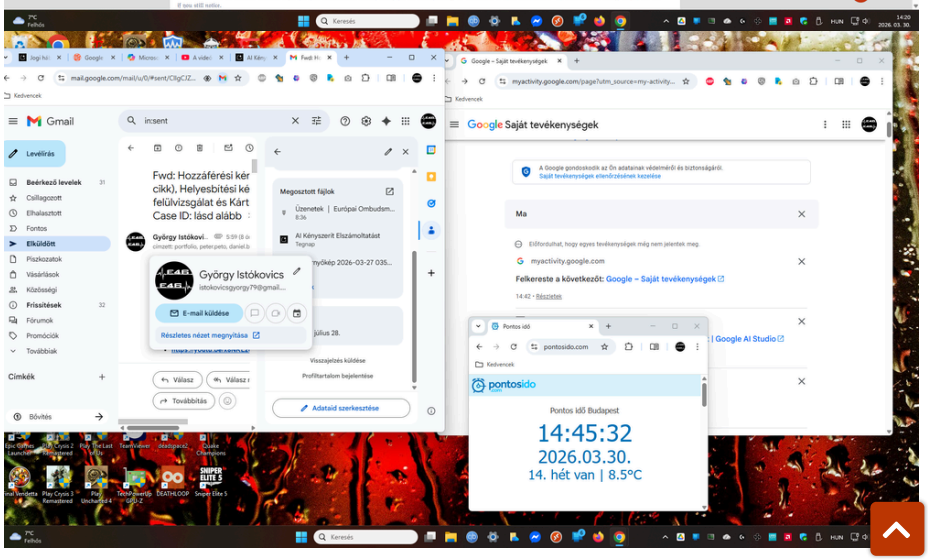
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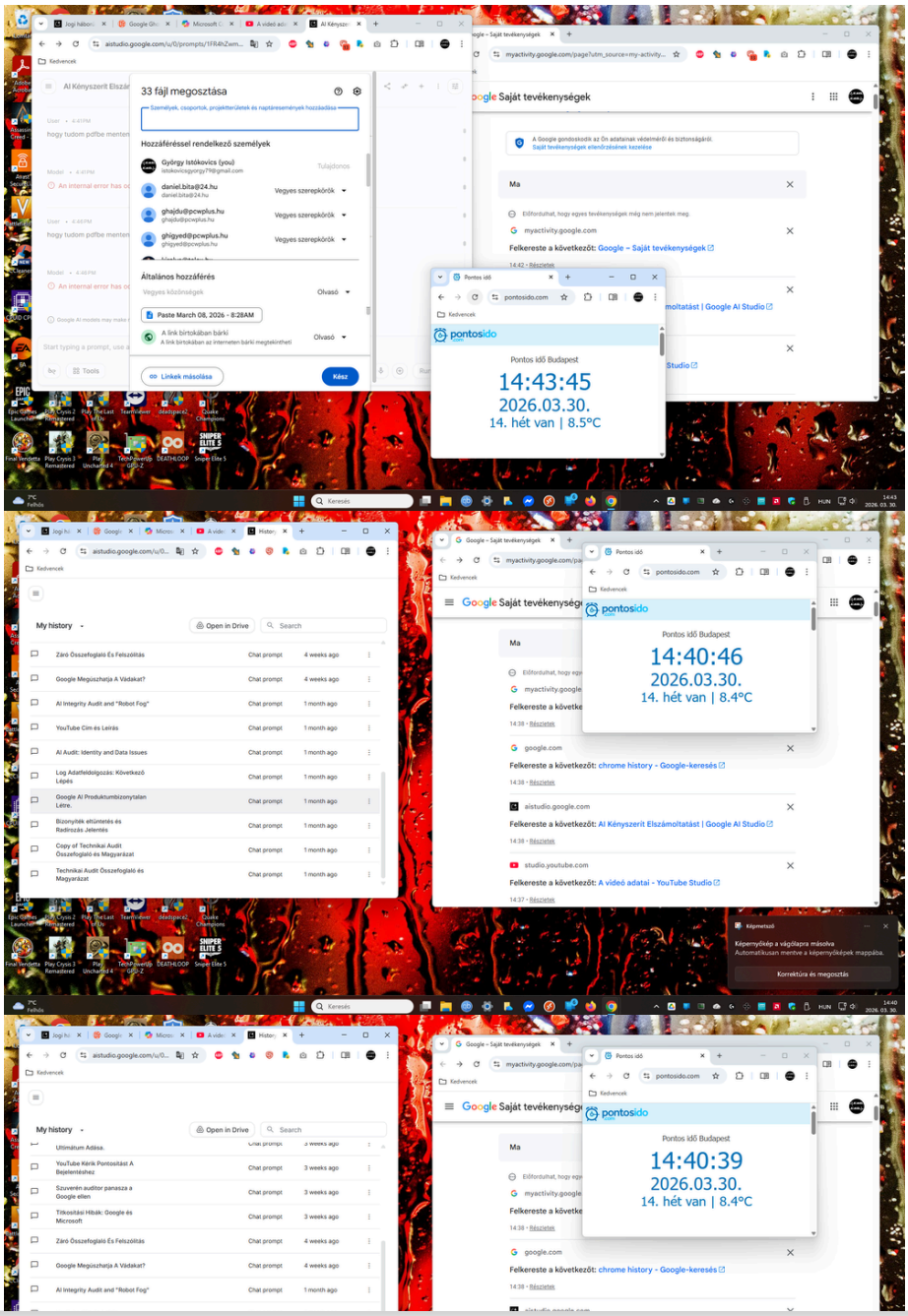
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CPU: Intel i7 6700k | **Motherboard:** Gigabyte Z170x Gaming 5 | **RAM:** 2x16GB 3000MHz Corsair Vengeance LPX | **GPU:** Gigabyte Aorus GTX 1080ti | **PSU:** Corsair RM750x (2018) | **Case:** BeQuiet SilentBase 800 | **Cooler:** Arctic Freezer 34 eSports | **SSD:** Samsung 970 Evo 500GB + Samsung 840 500GB + Crucial MX500 2TB | **Monitor:** Acer Predator XB271HU + Samsung BX2450

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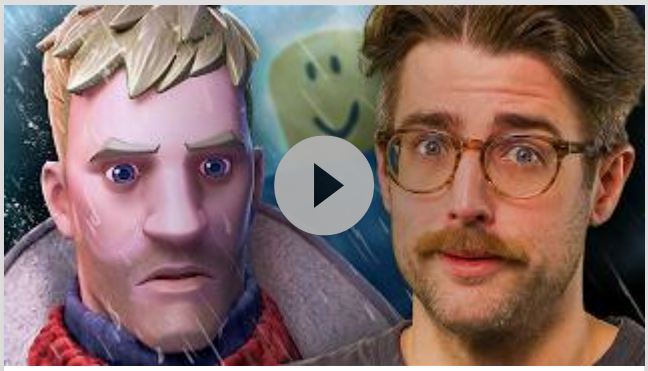

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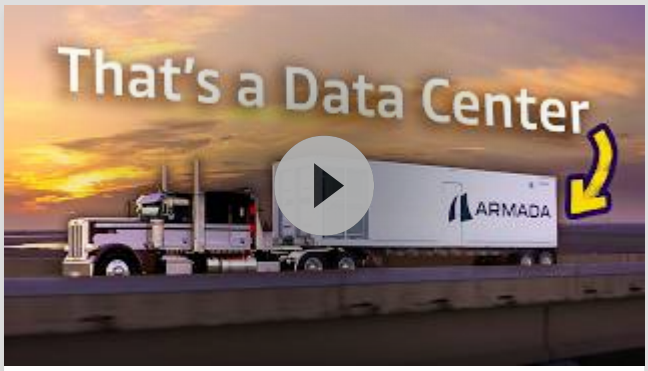

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